



Refresh Your Spirits
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November Festival Tour

Jambay Lhakhang Drup with the Black Necked Crane Festival.

Wed 9th - Sat 20th November 2011 (12 days/11 nights)

November
Festival.
Luxury Resort
Hotel option.

Last minute
offer \$95
discount

Highlights

- Attend the unique Jambay Lhakhang Masked Dance Festival in Bumthang.
- Attend a rural festival to celebrate the migration of the mystical & rare black-necked crane.
- A cultural sightseeing tour of Thimphu, Paro, Punakha, Wangdi, Trongsa & Bumthang
- Visit Dzongs (monasteries), Lakhangs (temples), museums, villages & places of natural beauty.
- Short hike to Taktsang Monastery “the famous “Tiger’s Nest” (Horse ride available on request).
- Visits to traditional arts and crafts schools and individual workshops. Watch artisans while they work.
- Evening of entertainment - performance by traditional musicians and Bhutanese dining.

About this tour

This tour provides you with a nice mix of cultural experiences and immersion in nature. The rare Black-necked crane fly from Tibet to make Phobjikha valley their winter home. The villagers of Phobjikha revere these large elegant birds and celebrate their presence with an interesting local festival. They invite you to join fully in the celebrations and share a meal with them too. Travelling further towards the centre of Bhutan you will get to see the popular Masked Dance Festival of Jambay Lhakhang.

Your tour starts with a leisurely stop in **Paro**, giving you time to acclimatize and enjoy the many colourful cultural sites of Paro. After visiting to the warmer areas of **Punakha** and **Wangdi**, you will travel to the high-altitude glacial valley of **Phobjikha** (2,800m) to participate in the **Black-necked Crane Festival**. Continuing east, visit the beautifully renovated museum of **Trongsa** before reaching the cultural heartland of Bhutan, the **Bumthang** valley and its main town of Jakar (2700metres).

A highlight of the tour and a true visual delight, is the “**Lhakhang Drup**” festival held in the Jambay Lhakhang, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan. Religious masked dances will be performed by monks and laymen.

You will be driving through some of the most spectacular scenery in Bhutan, as you traverse the Black mountain range and cross several high passes. The Pele-la pass, at 3,300 metres, is often covered in mist. It marks the boundary between East and West and not only the landscape changes but also the climate, the houses and the customs differ as you proceed eastward.

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Return towards Thimphu and celebrate the end of your visit with an evening of classic Bhutanese dining accompanied by musicians playing on traditional instruments. The final day's trek to **Taktsang** (The Tiger's Nest) is another highlight of the tour.

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Flight Schedules:

From Bangkok

Date	sector	Flight no	Dep	Arr
Wed 9 th Nov	BKK-PBH	KB131	0820	1125
Sun 20 th Nov	PBH-BKK	KB140	1200	1725

From Delhi

Date	sector	Flight no	Dep	Arr
Wed 9 th Nov	DEL-PBH	KB205	1210	1500
Sun 20 th Nov	PBH-DEL	KB204	0900	1100

From Kathmandu

Date	sector	Flight no	Dep	Arr
Wed 9 th Nov	KTM-PBH	KB401	1345	1520
Sun 20 th Nov	PBH-KTM	KB400	1200	1305

Outline Itinerary

Wed 9 th Nov	Arrive Paro & transfer to hotel. Visit Drugyel Dzong, and a traditional farmhouse home.
Thu 10 th Nov	Drive towards Wangdi. On the way take a stroll through rice fields and villages in the semi-tropical region around Chimi Lhakhang (1,200m). Visit the impressive Punakha Dzong, the former capital of Bhutan.
Fri 11 th Nov	Early start. Drive to Phobjikha and attend morning events of the Black Necked Crane Festival . Today is also a National Holiday to commemorate the birthday of the 4 th King. A winding drive (4 hrs) leads to Trongsa, a small town with an impressive Dzong.
Sat 12 th Nov	Drive to Bumthang (2 hrs) and option to attend the Prakhar festival in Chummi. Late afternoon sightseeing in the valley.
Sun 13 th Nov	Morning attend Jambay Lhakhang Drup festival . The festivities consist mainly of masked dances performed in gorgeous silk costumes, chanting, blessing & reading religious texts. Thronging with locals, these occasions are a visual delight.
Mon 14 th Nov	The Bumthang valley is full of temples and sites of pilgrimage. Visit Kurjey Lhakhang, Tamshing Lhakhang, and Jakar Dzong and taste the local specialities.
Tue 15 th Nov	Return drive to Wangdi (6 hrs).

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Wed 16 th Nov	Drive to Thimphu (2½hrs). Check into hotel & take some free time to explore the town. In the evening Circumambulate the Memorial Chorten with the locals who go to turn the prayer wheels and chant their evening prayers.
Thu 17 th Nov	Sightseeing in Thimphu (2,400m). Visit the takin reserve, Sangaygang viewpoint, the Folk Heritage Museum, the Institute of Traditional Arts & Crafts (Zorig Chusum) and Thimphu Dzong. Dinner at a traditional Bhutanese restaurant.
Fri 18 th Nov	Drive to Paro. Visit the impressive Rinpung Dzong and the Ta Dzong museum, as well as the oldest temple in Bhutan, Kyichu Lhakhang.
Sat 19 th Nov	Morning hike to Taktsang temple. Afternoon drive to Drugyel and at leisure in Paro.
Sun 20 th Nov	Flight Departure Tashi Delek!

Group Tour Price (per person)

<p>Land Package 11Nights</p> <p>Min 8 – 16 persons</p> <p>US\$2,155 Now US\$2,060(full board, twin-sharing)</p> <p>Good Standard tourist hotels.</p> <p>Single Supplement: \$407</p> <p>*US\$ 2,433 (full board, twin-sharing)</p> <p>Standard tourist hotels + two nights (B & D) in a luxury Resort.</p> <p>Single Supplement: \$ 565</p>	<p>Flight Costs</p> <p><u>Return Air Fare to/from Paro (inc taxes)*</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Bangkok:</td> <td>\$ 925</td> <td>Kolkata:</td> <td>\$ 480</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Delhi:</td> <td>\$ 766</td> <td>Kathmandu:</td> <td>\$ 479</td> </tr> </table> <p>*Price not confirmed until ticketed.</p> <p>Other Costs</p> <p><u>Visa fee:</u> US\$20</p> <p><u>Bank charge</u> US\$28 per remittance.</p> <p><u>Optional Extra</u> Transit hotel and tour.</p>	Bangkok:	\$ 925	Kolkata:	\$ 480	Delhi:	\$ 766	Kathmandu:	\$ 479
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<p>Included</p> <p>English-speaking local guide.</p> <p>Airport Transfers.</p> <p>Private vehicle & driver for duration of tour.</p> <p>Accommodation and all meals included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11 nights in standard tourist hotels, with Bhutanese character. ● (*optional extra) 2 nights upgrade (B & D) to a luxury resort hotel. <p>All government royalties and taxes.</p>	<p>Not Included</p> <p>Travel insurance.</p> <p>Drinks and snacks.</p> <p>Expenditures of a personal nature.</p>								

Important Note

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All our tours are offered dependent on flight and hotel availability. Since these are quite limited we recommend you book early to avoid disappointment. We request your understanding in the event of the need to alter dates and itineraries which we would only do in order to ensure the best holiday experience for you.

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